

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

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Due to continuing fiscal and management issues with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Los Angeles County Lake Lifeguards have requested to be transferred to the Los Angeles County Fire Department. Several years ago the Ocean Lifeguards were transferred from the Department of Beaches and Harbors to the Fire Department. That was a positive move and the relationship has worked out very well.

The Fire Department's organizational structure as a public protection agency is more suitable to manage the Lake Lifeguard operations. Transferring the Lake Lifeguards to the Fire Department will provide for better coordination between the Lake Lifeguards who are the first responders to many incidents within the parks and the fire fighters and paramedics who arrive on scene to assist.

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The Lake Lifeguards perform essential functions. Not only do they help keep the lake areas clean and safe, they provide valuable life safety services. Along with lifesaving duties, the Lake Lifeguards have the responsibility of enforcing state boating laws and fish and game regulations as well as performing vessel accident investigations and vessel rescue.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT THIS BOARD DIRECT the Fire Chief, the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Chief Administrative Officer, the Auditor-Controller and the Director of Human Resources to:

1. Transfer the Los Angeles County Lake Lifeguards to the Los Angeles County Fire Department effective July 1, 2004;
2. Annually transfer the funding for the cost of the Lake Lifeguards to the Fire Special District from the General Fund;
3. Coordinate efforts to address any operational and fiscal issues before the transfer is final so that a seamless transfer and subsequent operation occurs;
4. Provide this Board monthly updates on the progress of the transfer.

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